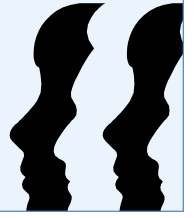


Interfaith Unity Feast

1556 Bell Road - Nashville, TN

We are drops of one ocean, leaves of one tree.



Fair Distribution of the Earth's Resources

- Drums - Baanu Ferdowsi
- Welcome - Sepehr Homayoon
- Holy Writings and Prayers

From the Bahá'í Holy Writings

...Divine justice will become manifest in human conditions and affairs, and all mankind will find comfort and enjoyment in life. It is not meant that all will be equal, for inequality in degree and capacity is a property of nature. Necessarily there will be rich people and also those who will be in want of their livelihood, but in the aggregate community there will be equalization and readjustment of values and interests. In the future there will be no very rich nor extremely poor. There will be an equilibrium of interests, and a condition will be established which will make both rich and poor comfortable and content. The significance of it is that the glad tidings of great joy revealed in the promises of the Holy Books will be fulfilled. Await ye this consummation.

— 'Abdu'l-Bahá

From the Christian Holy Writings

Jesus said, "For I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you welcomed me; I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you visited me; I was in prison and you came to me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee? And He answered them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these, my brethren, you did it to me."— **Matthew 25:35-40**

Buddhist Prayer

With every breath I take today,
I vow to be awake;
And every step I take,
I vow to take with a grateful heart--
So I may see with eyes of love
Into the hearts of all I meet,
To ease their burden when I can
And touch them with a smile of peace.

Zoroastrian Prayer

We pray to God to eradicate all the misery in the world: that understanding triumph over ignorance, that generosity triumph over contempt, and that truth triumph over falsehood.

- Traditional Chinese Dance Performed by Children from the Global Education Center
- Multimedia Presentation, "The Story of Stuff" - Introduction by Sepehr Homayoon.
- Holy Writings and Prayers

From the Hindu Holy Writings

At the beginning, mankind and the obligation of selfless service were created together. "Through selfless service, you will always be fruitful and find the fulfillment of your desires." This is the promise of the Creator. Every selfless act...is born from the eternal, infinite Godhead. God is present in every act of service. All life turns on this law. Whoever violates it, indulging his senses for his own pleasure and ignoring the needs of others, has wasted his life. Strive constantly to serve the welfare of the world. Do your work with the welfare of others always in mind. The wise work for the welfare of the world, without thought to themselves. Perform all work carefully, guided by compassion. — **Bhagavad Gita 3.10-26**

From the Muslim Holy Writings

Righteousness is this that one should believe in Allah and the last day and the angels and the Book and the prophets, and give wealth out of love for Him to the near of kin and orphans and the needy and the way-farer and the beggers and for the emancipation of the captives.
Quran 2:177

From the Native American Indian Tradition

The time will soon be here when my grandchild will long for the cry of a loon, the flash of a salmon, the whisper of spruce eedles, or the screech of an eagle. But he will not make friends with any of these creatures and when his heart aches with longing he will curse me. Have I done all to keep the air fresh? Have I cared enough about the water? Have I left the eagle to soar in freedom? Have I done everything I could to earn my grandchild's fondness?
Chief Dan George (1899-1981)

Out of the Indian approach to life there comes a great freedom - an intense and absorbing love for nature; a respect for life; enriching faith in a Supreme Power; and principles of truth, honesty, generosity, equity, and brotherhood as a guide to mundane relations.

Chief Luther Standing Bear, Ogalala

- **Music - J. J. Kent**

From the Bahá'í Holy Writings

Be generous in prosperity, and thankful in adversity. Be worthy of the trust of thy neighbor, and look upon him with a bright and friendly face. Be a treasure to the poor, an admonisher to the rich, an answerer of the cry of the needy, a preserver of the sanctity of thy pledge. Be fair in thy judgment, and guarded in thy speech. Be unjust to no man, and show all meekness to all men. Be as a lamp unto them that walk in darkness, a joy to the sorrowful, a sea for the thirsty, a haven for the distressed, an upholder and defender of the victim of oppression. Let integrity and uprightness distinguish all thine acts. Be a home for the stranger, a balm to the suffering, a tower of strength for the fugitive. Be eyes to the blind, and a guiding light unto the feet of the erring. Be an ornament to the countenance of truth, a crown to the brow of fidelity, a pillar of the temple of righteousness, a breath of life to the body of mankind, an ensign of the hosts of justice, a luminary above the horizon of virtue, a dew to the soil of the human heart, an ark on the ocean of knowledge, a sun in the heaven of bounty, a gem on the diadem of wisdom, a shining light in the firmament of thy generation, a fruit upon the tree of humility. — *Bahá'u'lláh, Gleanings 130*

- **Closing Remarks: Sepehr Homayoon**

- **Refreshments**



The mission of the Unity Feast is to bring people from all religions and backgrounds together in a spirit of friendship and understanding in order to explore common spiritual values from all the world's major religions. Our goal is to focus on those things we have in common, so that we can do our part to bring unity to humanity ... one person at a time.

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